

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement among Groups I, II, IV, is respectfully traversed, as the claims in Group I, based on claim 1, are directed to multicomponent vaccines comprising at least six clostridial organisms and least one non-clostridial organism's antigen and the claims in Group II comprise at least seven clostridial organisms and at least one non-clostridial organism's antigen. Similarly, Group IV, claim 42, is directed to a vaccine comprising six clostridial organisms specifically named and a protective antigen from four specific viruses. The claims in Group II and Group IV differ from Group I only by adding at least one additional clostridial organism to the six comprised in the originally claimed vaccine and, in the case of claim 42, the six specific clostridial organisms in the claimed vaccine are identified as well as four specific viruses as antigenic components from "at least one non-clostridial organism."

In view of the above comments, for clarity, claim 2 is now made dependent on claim 1.

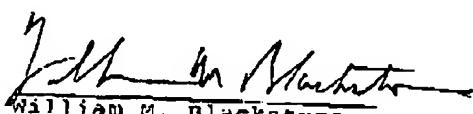
With the present amendments it is believed that all claims except group III, claim 41, should clearly be examined in the present application.

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